276 All the Tanala employ tobacco in the form of snuff. To make this, a leaf is toasted over the fire until it begins to change color, then crushed to powder in a small mortar and mixed with a fixed proportion of sifted wood ashes. The ashes are prepared from several different plants and they, rather than the tobacco, seem to be considered the important ingredient. As a rule, each person makes his own snuff, mixing the ashes to suit his taste. It is made up a little at a time, as it is thought to lose flavor if kept. Snuff is carried in small boxes made from bamboo, horn, bone, or small gourds (Fig. 9, f, g, h, j, k, l). In taking it, a little is poured out on the palm and tossed into the open mouth with a quick movement. It is never snuffed.

It is doubtful whether the narcotic properties of hemp were known to the Tanala in pre-European times. A few of the younger men now smoke it in water pipes like those used for tobacco, but the practice is rare.

MANUFACTURES

DIVISION OF LABOR

762 The work of the family is rather evenly divided between husband and wife. The man takes complete charge of the cattle, hunts, cuts and burns the jungle for the tavy, does most of the fishing and builds the house and keeps it in repair. He is not expected to do any of the house work, but will often relieve his wife by helping with the cooking and tending the baby. The woman tends the house and children, cooks, draws water and pounds rice, the last two being heavy tasks. Both sexes work in the tavy, but women do most of the cultivation in the small gardens and in the fields of wet rice.

All manufactures are rigidly assigned to one or the other sex. Men do all the work in metal, wood, bone, horn and hide. They also weave certain types of mats and baskets and make bark cloth. Women make the balance of the mats and baskets, do all weaving of cloth, and make the family garments and keep them in repair. The only exceptions to this rule are the *zavodrazy* ("berdaches"), who adopt the women's industries as part of their role.

ARTISANS

● [761] The only professional artisans are smiths and a very few stone-
336 cutters, who prepare the memorial stones. Smiths may be drawn
[337] from any gens and do not form a separate caste. The occupation tends to be hereditary, but anyone may enter it. There is no formal